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1. WE ANTICIPATE THAT THE AUSTRIANS WILL BE AS ACCOMMODATING AS POSSIBLE REGARDING PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES FOR MBFR DELEGATIONS AND WE THEREFORE HOPE THAT NATO CAN AVOID A PROTRACTED DISCUSSION OF THIS ISSUE.

2. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT ACCREDITATION OF MBFR DELEGATIONS AS PART OF EMBASSY STAFFS WOULD BE THE SIMPLEST AND MOST PRACTICAL MEANS OF ARRANGING FOR PRIVILEGES AND
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IMMUNITIES FOR MBFR DELEGATION PERSONNEL. WE CONCERN

WITH THE MISSION REP,S COMMENT (PARA 4, REFTTEL) THAT
BELGIAN OBJECTIONS TO THIS PROCEDURE ARE HYPOTHETICAL
AT BEST.

3. IN THE INTEREST OF REACHING A RAPID RESOLUTION OF
THIS ISSUE, WE WILL GIVE SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION TO ANY
ARRANGEMENT ACCEPTABLE TO THE OTHER ALLIES. HOWEVER,
ANY PROPOSAL TO RELY ON UN CONVENTION PROVISIONS OR ON T
SELECTIVE APPLICATION OF THESE WOULD REQUIRE DEPARTMENTAL
REVIEW AND APPROVAL. ROGERS

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